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IN THE TITLE:

Please amend the title as follows:

--OSTOMY DEVICE ~~COMPRISING~~ INCLUDING A COLLECTING BAG AND A
BASE PLATE, AND AN OSTOMY COLLECTING BAG--

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, before line 4, please insert the following headings as new paragraphs:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. FIELD OF THE INVENTION--.

On page 1, line 21, please insert the following heading:

--2. DESCRIPTION OF THE RELATED ART--.

On page 2, line 28, please insert the following heading:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

On page 3, please amend the text beginning on line 4 through line 14, as follows:

This problem is solved by an ostomy device having a collecting bag and a base plate with an adhesive plate for being fastened on the user, the base plate having an opening for receiving an ostomy and a first flange for repeated and removable adhesive connection to a coupling element on the collecting bag. The first flange is made from a material with a first tensile strength, and the coupling element includes a second flange made from a material with a second tensile strength. The adhesive

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connection is provided by at least one layer of an adhesive. A of
~~the kind described in the introductory part of claim 1 and wherein~~
~~the device comprises a~~ further flexible layer is placed between the
adhesive and the flange with the lower tensile strength, this being
~~the lowest, and said~~ flexible layer having a yield strength
exceeding the adhesive strength of the adhesive.

This problem is also solved by an ostomy collecting bag
~~of the kind described in the introductory part of claim 9~~ having a
coupling element that includes a flange for removable and adhesive
connection to another flange on a base plate for being fastened on
a user. The coupling element flange is manufactured from a
material with a first tensile strength, and base plate flange is
manufactured from a material with a second tensile strength less
than the first tensile strength, with the adhesive connection being
provided by at least one layer of an adhesive. The ~~and wherein the~~
coupling element ~~comprises~~ includes a further flexible layer placed
between the adhesive and the coupling element flange ~~with the~~
~~tensile strength being the lowest, said~~ the flexible layer having
a yield strength exceeding the adhesive strength of the adhesive.--

On page 7, line 12, insert the following heading:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING--.

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On page 7, line 18, insert the following heading and paragraph following thereafter:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Further scope of applicability of the present invention will become apparent from the detailed description given hereinafter. However, it should be understood that the detailed description and specific examples, while indicating preferred embodiments of the invention, are given by way of illustration only, since various changes and modifications within the spirit and scope of the invention will become apparent to those skilled in the art from this detailed description.--.

On page 12, after the last line, please insert the following paragraph:

--The invention being thus described, it will be apparent that the same may be varied in many ways. Such variations are not to be regarded as a departure from the spirit and scope of the invention, and all such modifications as would be recognized by one skilled in the art are intended to be included within the scope of the following claims.--.